Introduced by Assembly Member Wilk

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 1507.6 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to community care facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 936, as introduced, Wilk. Group homes: mental health services. Existing law provides for child welfare services, which are public social services directed toward, among other purposes, protecting and promoting the welfare of all children, including those in foster care placement. Existing law provides for the placement of children in foster care in various settings, including group homes, by foster placement agencies, under the oversight of the State Department of Social Services. Under existing law, mental health services may be provided to a child in a group home and shall be a case management responsibility of the placing agency.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1507.6 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 1507.6. Mental health services, as deemed necessary by the
- 4 placing agency, may be provided to children a child in a group

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- 1 home. Except for the physical safety and direct care and supervision
- 2 of children so placed, the State Department of Social Services and
- 3 its agents shall not evaluate or have responsibility or liability for
- 4 the evaluation of mental health services provided in those group
- 5 homes. Supervision of mental health treatment services provided
- 6 to a child in a group home shall be a case management
- 7 responsibility of the placing agency.